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Subchapter 4. Construction Safety Orders
Article 24. Fall Protection

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§1671. Safety Nets.

(a) Where the elevation is 25 feet or more above the ground, water surface, or continuous floor level below, and when the use of personal fall arrest systems, personal fall restraint systems, positioning device systems or more conventional types of protection are clearly impractical, the exterior and/or interior perimeter of the structure shall be provided with an approved safety net extending at least 8 feet horizontally from such perimeter and being positioned at a distance not to exceed 10 feet vertically below where such hazards exist, or equivalent protection provided safety nets shall extend outward from the outermost projection of the work surface as follows:

Vertical distance from working level to horizontal plane of net.	Minimum required horizontal distance of outer edge of net from the edge of working surface.
Up to 5 feet	8 feet
More than 5 feet up to 10 feet.	10 feet
More than 10 feet but not to exceed 13 feet 30 feet	

Nets shall be hung with sufficient clearance to prevent user's contact with the surfaces or structures below. Such clearances shall be determined by impact load testing.

Exception: See Section 1709(c) and 1710(k) and (l) for flooring requirements and nets for steel erection in tiered buildings and structures.

(b) Only one level of nets shall be required for bridge construction.

(c) Safety nets purchased on or after January 1, 1998 shall be labeled as meeting the requirements of American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A10.11-1989, American National Standard for Construction and Demolition Operations - Personnel and Debris Nets, Repair and Demolition Operations.

Safety nets purchased before January 1, 1998 shall be labeled as meeting the requirements of ANSI A10.11-1979, Safety Nets Used During Construction, Repair and Demolition Operations, or ANSI A10.11-1989.

Note: Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code. Reference: Section 142.3, Labor Code.

HISTORY

1. Repealer and new section filed 5-21-75; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 75, No. 21).
2. Amendment filed 6-2-87; operative 7-2-87 (Register 87, No. 24).
3. Amendment of subsections (a) and (c) filed 7-30-97; operative 8-29-97 (Register 97, No. 31).
4. Change without regulatory effect amending subsection (c) filed 1-6-98 pursuant to section 100, title 1, California Code of Regulations (Register 98, No. 2).
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